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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-13 (Cancelled)

Claim 14. (Original) An integrated circuit comprising:  
a series of circuits;  
a phase detector having a first input coupled to an input of the series of circuits  
and a second input coupled to an output of the series of circuits;  
an up/down counter having an input coupled to an output of the phase detector;  
and  
a first variable-delay block having a control input coupled to an output of the  
up/down counter,  
wherein the series of circuits comprises:  
a second variable-delay block having a control input coupled to the output  
of the up/down counter; and  
a frequency divider.

Claim 15. (Original) The integrated circuit of claim 14 further  
comprising:

a first flip-flop having a clock input coupled to an output of the first variable-  
delay block; and  
a second flip-flop having a complementary clock input coupled to the output of  
the first variable-delay block.

Claim 16. (Original) The integrated circuit of claim 15 further  
comprising:

a third flip-flop coupled between the phase detector and the up/down counter.

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Claim 17. (Original) The integrated circuit of claim 14 wherein an input of the second variable-delay block is coupled to an output of the frequency divider.

Claim 18. (Original) The integrated circuit of claim 14 wherein an output of the frequency divider is coupled to an input of the second variable-delay block.

Claim 19. (Original) An integrated circuit comprising:  
a series combination of a first frequency divider and a first variable-delay block, configured to receive a first clock signal;  
a phase detector configured to receive the first clock signal and an output from the series combination;  
an up/down counter configured to receive an output from the phase detector; and  
a second variable-delay block configured to receive a second clock signal,  
wherein the first variable-delay block and the second variable-delay block are configured to receive an output from the up/down counter.

Claim 20. (Original) The integrated circuit of claim 19 wherein the first frequency divider is configured to receive the first clock signal and the first variable-delay block is configured to receive an output from the first frequency divider.

Claim 21. (Original) The integrated circuit of claim 19 wherein the first variable-delay block is configured to receive the first clock signal and the first frequency divider is configured to receive an output from the first variable-delay block.

Claim 22. (Original) The integrated circuit of claim 19 further comprising:  
a first flip-flop having a clock input configured to receive an output of the first variable-delay block; and  
a second flip-flop having a complementary clock input configured to receive the output of the first variable-delay block.

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Claim 23. (Original) The integrated circuit of claim 22 further comprising:

a memory configured to receive an output of the first flip-flop and an output of the second flip-flop.

Claim 24. (Original) The integrated circuit of claim 22 further comprising:

an synchronous dynamic random access memory configured to receive an output of the first flip-flop and an output of the second flip-flop.

Claim 25. (Original) The integrated circuit of claim 19 further comprising:

a third flip-flop coupled between the phase detector and the up/down counter.

Claim 26. (Original) The integrated circuit of claim 25 further comprising:

a second frequency divider configured to receive the first clock signal to provide a third clock signal to the up/down counter.

Claim 27. (Original) The integrated circuit of claim 19 wherein the integrated circuit is a programmable logic device.

Claim 28. (Original) A computing system comprising:  
a multiple-data-rate memory; and  
the integrated circuit of claim 14 coupled to the multiple-data-rate memory.

Claim 29. (Original) The computing system of claim 28 wherein the multiple-data-rate memory is a double-data-rate memory.

Claim 30. (Original) An integrated circuit comprising:  
a series of circuits comprising:  
a dividing means for dividing a frequency of a clock signal; and

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a first delaying means for delaying a clock signal by a first duration,  
wherein the series of circuits receives a first clock signal and provides a second  
clock signal, the second clock signal delayed and divided in frequency from the first clock  
signal;

phase detector means for receiving the first and second clock signals, and  
providing an output;

a second delaying means for delaying a third clock signal by a second duration;  
and

adjustment means for increasing or decreasing the first and second durations  
based on the output of the phase detector means.

Claim 31. (Original) The integrated circuit of claim 30 wherein the series  
of circuits provides the second clock signal by first dividing the frequency of the first clock  
signal.

Claim 32. (Original) The integrated circuit of claim 31 wherein the  
frequency of the first clock signal is divided by a value selected from the group consisting of 4,  
8, and 16.

Claim 33. (Original) The integrated circuit of claim 30 wherein the series  
of circuits provides the second clock signal by delaying the first clock signal before dividing its  
frequency.